



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

We are sending out an update on a different day this week due to the holidays. The Saturday before last, Officer Jacob Switzer responded to a burglary alarm on Lebo Blvd. When he got there, he saw a flashlight and someone walking through the building. The building was surrounded and the male suspect ran out the same door he came in, but was quickly cornered near Juniper and Lebo by officers on one side, and blackberry bushes on the other. Hiding in the sticker bushes was not enough to deter Officer Joshua Stottlemeyer, and K-9 Heiko from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, who came to assist. The man was quickly located and taken to jail and charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree with bail set at \$50,000.

Later that same night, Officers Stottlemeyer, Frank Shaw and Matt Thuring responded to a "car versus telephone pole" incident in the 1300 block of Warren Ave. As Sgt. Davis pointed out, "The driver was too intoxicated to be injured in the crash." The driver had a .26 alcohol content.

Wednesday afternoon, officers were called to Bachmann Park in Manette for a woman in a car who was unresponsive. The caller was out with his kids at the park when he observed the woman in a pickup, slumped over at the wheel. He attempted to wake her up, and she had a very faint pulse and was barely breathing. Paramedics immediately loaded her into the ambulance and she went to the hospital. It appears she attempted to overdose on pills. Thankfully, the caller didn't ignore what he saw, or choose to not get involved; he acted and as a result very likely saved a life.

Friday, we had six Cadets from the Youth Academy ride along with officers during the day shift. The cadets had a great experience and got a feel for what it is like to work as a police officer.

Friday night, Officer Chris Faidley handled a couple of DUIs, including one that started as a hit-and-run collision. The suspect tried to drive away, but didn't know that his crash was witnessed by a Kitsap County Sheriff's Sergeant in an unmarked car. The suspect had a .12 alcohol content and he went to jail.

Also on our busy Friday night, at about 3:00 AM, Officer Faidley was called to speak to a person who said they were the victim of a robbery. The victim had serious injuries to their face. While Chris was still talking to the victim in another part of town, Officer Michelle Griesheimer saw a car go through the intersection of Warren and Burwell at a high rate of speed and crash into a concrete wall. These started as seemingly unrelated incidents, but officers were quickly able to determine that the driver in the crash was a suspect in the robbery and assault, and was also intoxicated. It turns out that the robbery had actually occurred in the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction outside of the city, but we worked with them to arrest the man for robbery and assault there, and DUI in our city. Great teamwork and a quick arrest!

All week, officers had been actively seeking a man wanted for felony forgery on a case investigated by Officer John Bogen. We also developed information that he was violating a protection order from the Court. On Sunday night, Officer David Hughes located the man's truck, easily distinguished by its large "Hello Kitty" sticker in the rear window, traveling on Kitsap Way. The male passenger, who bore a striking resemblance to the suspect, ducked down in the seat to avoid detection. Officer Hughes, having been around for a while, had some degree of familiarity with this tactic. He stopped the vehicle, and located the suspect in the passenger seat. He went to jail.

Have a great week and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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